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After reading the proposed settlement details, I am very very concerned about the situation. I think this settlement is a very bad idea and does not take into consideration the rights of consumers and competing companies.

This settlement makes it nearly impossible for a small bussiness or group of programmers to come up with software that will run with windows without having to pay royalties. The bottom line is that Microsoft needs to conform to "Standards" and these standards need to be open to the public. If this doesn't happen it will stunt the creativity of computing and will hold us down for another 10 years.

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